## CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

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Dear Librarian:

## DOCUMENT HANDLING FOR THE EL SEGUNDO POWER REDEVELPMENT PROJECT (00-AFC-14)

Please make the enclosed Application for Certification (AFC) available for those who may wish to be informed about the project. We request that you not allow the AFC or any of its contents to be removed from the library. To increase accessibility of the document, we ask, if possible, that you cross reference it as a general reference work under the title and author categories, as well as under such subjects as "Energy Commission," "electricity energy/generation," "power plant siting," or any other relevant subject.

The Energy Commission is responsible for reviewing and ultimately approving or denying thermal electric power plants, 50 MW and greater, proposed for construction in California. The Energy Commission's facility certification process carefully examines public health and safety, environmental impacts and engineering aspects of proposed power plants and all related facilities such as electric transmission lines, natural gas pipelines, etc. The Energy Commission is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This AFC is subject to this review by the Energy Commission.

The Energy Commission's review process is open to the public and incorporates the input of the public as well as local, state, and federal agencies. To facilitate public participation, we distribute copies of AFC to libraries in Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, Fresno, and Eureka, as well as to public libraries in communities near the proposed project.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact Paul Richins, Siting Project Manager, at (916) 654-4074.

Sincerely,

ROBERT L. THERKELSEN, Deputy Director Energy Facilities Siting and Environmental Protection

**Enclosure** 

To: MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN THE REVIEW OF THE EL SEGUNDO POWER REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

On December 21, 2000, EL Segundo Power II LLC (ESP II) filed the enclosed Application for Certification (AFC) seeking approval from the California Energy Commission to replace the existing El Segundo Generating Station (ESGS) Units 1 and 2 in the City of El Segundo with a natural gas-fired combined cycle electric generation facility. The existing ESGS Units 3 and 4 located adjacent to Units 1 and 2 will not be modified by this project. The new combined cycle facility is expected to generate 630 megawatts (MW) under nominal conditions. This is 280 MW more than the old Units 1 and 2 were capable of generating when operating.

The Energy Commission is responsible for reviewing and ultimately approving or denying all thermal electric power plants, 50 MW and greater, proposed for construction in California. The Energy Commission's facility certification process carefully examines public health and safety, environmental impacts and engineering aspects of proposed power plants and all related facilities such as electric transmission lines, natural gas pipelines, etc. The Energy Commission's responsibilities are similar to those of a lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Over the next 12 months, the Energy Commission will conduct a number of public workshops and hearings on the proposal to determine whether the project should be approved for construction and operation and under what set of conditions. These workshops and hearings will provide the public as well as local, state, and federal agencies the opportunity to ask questions about and provide input on the proposed project. The Energy Commission will issue notices for these workshops and hearings, normally 14 days, but in no case later than 10 days, prior to the meeting. If you are not currently receiving these notices and want to be placed on the mailing list, please contact Chester Hong, Project Secretary, at (916) 654-4235.

If you desire information on participating in the Energy Commission's review of the project, please contact Ms. Roberta Mendonca, the Energy Commission's Public Adviser, at (916) 654-4489 or toll free in California, at (800) 822-6228. Technical or project schedule questions should be directed to Paul Richins, Energy Commission Project Manager, at (916) 654-4074. The status of the project, copies of notices, and other relevant documents are also available on the Energy Commission's Internet web site at http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/elsegundo. News media inquiries should be directed to Assistant Executive Director, Claudia Chandler, at (916) 654-4989.

Note: Please retain this letter behind the front cover of the AFC. Thank You.